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To Members of the Finance Committee:

My name is Larry J. Becker, President of Reidville Hydraulics & Mfg., Inc., 175 Industrial Lane, Torrington, CT 06790. We are a small manufacturing company that relocated from a leased facility in Waterbury, CT to our own facility in Torrington one year ago. We chose to stay and invest in Connecticut for several personal and cultural reasons. This business started in Connecticut in 1953.

I am writing today to voice my concern and opposition to several tax bills before this committee which would seriously damage Connecticut's economy and further hinder our ability to compete and succeed here. The proposals would substantially increase our business costs (which are all ready too high) and make it much harder for us to continue doing business in Connecticut. As you are all aware, manufacturing is the backbone of our country and your efforts should be focused on helping sm(all) businesses survive. Passing Bills that are counter productive to our survival simply should not be passed.

Specifically, we are opposing:


HB-6348, HB-6349, HB-6350, SB-807 and SB-815

These bills if passed eliminate needed exemptions to state sales tax on machinery and equipment that if passed further complicates and possibly eliminates our planned investment which should help to create jobs and stimulate the economy. Extending the sales tax to the professional services we require and use will further increase our overall operating costs.

Measures that place a moratorium on the use of corporate tax credits, and restricting the ability to use these credits, at a time when these are desperately needed for survival, can only have a further negative effect on our business.

We strongly urge you to reject these proposals and work with the business community to encourage economic development and job creation in Connecticut.

Thank you,


Larry J. Becker
President